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For: BAD-SECTOR SEARCH METHOD, DATA RECORDING DEVICE, AND PROGRAM

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- X Patent Specification
- X Formal Drawings Four (4) sheets
- X An Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
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